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FOLLOWING SENT AMEMBASSY TOKYO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI AMEMBASSY  
WELLINGTON AMEMBASSY CANBERRA INFO OASD/ ISA/ FMRA  
CSAF/ XOXXGIF/ PRCF HQ MAC/ DOK SCOTT AFB FROM SECSTATE  
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SUBJECT: USAF AERONAUTICAL STATION TESTS

1. THE AIR FORCE MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND ( MAC) DESIRES  
TO CONDUCT COMMUNICATIONS TESTS, FROM 31 JULY 73 TO 31  
DEC 73, WITH THE USAF AERONAUTICAL STATIONS AT FUCHU AS,  
JAPAN; ANDERSON AFB, GUAM; CLARK AB, PHILIPPINES AND  
HICKAM AFB, HAWAII, HAVING HIGH FREQUENCY/ SINGLE SIDE  
BAND ( HF/ SSB) COMMUNICATION RESPONSIBILITY FOR AERODROMES  
IN THE PACIFIC/ FAR EAST AREA. A COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITY  
WITHIN EXISTING NETWORKS IS REQUIRED TO INSURE WORLDWIDE  
COMMAND AND CONTROL OF MAC AIRLIFT AIRCRAFT. MAC AIRCRAFT  
OPERATIONS ARE CONDUCTED INTO MANY AERODROMES WHICH HAVE  
LIMITED OR NO CAPABILITY FOR VOICE CONTACT WITH USAF  
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS. COMMAND CONTROL OF THE AIRCRAFT  
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IS OFTEN LOST UNTIL IT RETURNS TO A STATION OR ROUTE WHERE CONTACT WITH THE MAC COMMAND POST SYSTEM IS POSSIBLE. THE PROPOSED COMMUNICATIONS TEST WILL EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF EXERCISING COMMAND CONTROL OF MAC AIRCRAFT FROM EXISTING COMPONENTS OF THE COMMAND POST SYSTEM THROUGH THE USAF AERONAUTICAL STATION NETWORK TO THE AIRCRAFT AT ANY AERODROME THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

2. THE PROPOSED TESTS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY USING DESIGNATED MAC C-141/ C-5 AIRCRAFT WHICH TRANSIT PACIFIC/ FAR EAST AERODROMES ON CHANNEL OR SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT AIRLIFT MISSIONS. PROPOSED AERODROMES FOR THE TESTS WILL BE:

YOKOTA AB, JAPAN ( C-141 ONLY)  
CHIN- CHUAN KANG AB, TAIWAN ( REPUBLIC OF CHINA)  
CHRISTCHURCH INTL ( HAREWOOD), NEW ZEALAND ( C-141 ONLY)  
RICHMOND ( RAAF BASE), AUSTRALIA ( C-141 ONLY)  
ALICE SPRINGS ( RAAF BASE), AUSTRALIA ( C-141 ONLY)  
WOOMERA, AUSTRALIA ( C-141 ONLY)

ADDITIONALLY, ONLY AIRCRAFT HF/ SSB TRANSMITTERS AND RECEIVERS WILL BE USED AT THE AERODROME, BY THE AIRCRAFT FLIGHT CREW DURING AUTHORIZED GROUND TIME FOR THE SPECIFIED AIRLIFT MISSION. TESTS WILL DETERMINE CAPABILITY OF INSTALLED AIRCRAFT EQUIPMENT TO ESTABLISH VOICE CONTACT WITH USAF AERONAUTICAL STATIONS FROM THE AIRCRAFT PARKING POSITION AT THE AERODROME. THE AIRCRAFT AND CREW SO SPECIFIED TO PARTICIPATE IN A TEST WILL TRANSIT THE AERODROMES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS ESTABLISHED IN THE FOREIGN CLEARANCE GUIDE ( FCG) FOR THE PERTINENT AIRLIFT MISSION. THE HOST GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED A SEPARATE NOTICE OF EACH TEST 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE THROUGH THE USDAO. THIS NOTICE WILL INCLUDE THE AIRLIFT MISSION NUMBER, TYPE AIRCRAFT AND PROPOSED DATE THE TEST WILL BE CONDUCTED. CONTACTS WITH USAF AERONAUTICAL STATIONS WILL BE LIMITED TO MATTERS OF OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE AIRCRAFT, SUCH AS DIVERSION, REROUTE, AND RECALL. TESTS ARE CURRENTLY PLANNED FOR APPROXIMATELY 25 AERODROMES SELECTED TO ASCERTAIN HF/ SSB COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITIES WITHIN ASIA, AFRICA, THE MIDDLE EAST, SOUTH AMERICA, AND AUSTRALIA. IF TESTS PROVE SATISFACTORY,  
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FUTURE REQUIREMENTS MAY INVOLVE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN PARKED AIRCRAFT AND USAF AERONAUTICAL STATION NETWORK, AND ADDRESSEES WILL BE ADVISED ACCORDINGLY.

3. NO ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE COMMUNICATIONS TEST. THE TEST WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE NORMAL COMPLEMENT OF CREW MEMBERS OF AIRCRAFT PREVIOUSLY

GRANTED FOREIGN CLEARANCE. RADIO FREQUENCY AUTHORIZATION WILL BE OBTAINED THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS. NO SPECIAL SUPPORT WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THIS TEST.

4. PROJECT DATA ARE RELEASABLE TO HOST NATION AND COMMUNICATION TESTS MAY BE OBSERVED BY LOCAL OFFICIALS, IF DESIRED.

5. BETTER COMMAND/ CONTROL COMMUNICATIONS WITH MISSION AIRCRAFT TRANSITING THE AREA PRIMARILY WOULD BENEFIT U. S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES RECEIVING AIRLIFT SUPPORT FROM MAC AS THE RESULT OF INCREASED EFFICIENCY FOR THESE MISSIONS. FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS WOULD BENEFIT THROUGH INCREASED EFFICIENCY IN DELIVERY OF FOREIGN MILITARY SALES AND DISASTER RELIEF MATERIEL AS WELL AS FROM MINIMIZING DELAYS AT AERODROMES WHICH MAY ADD TO CONGESTION AND SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED ON LOCAL FACILITIES.

6. FOR AMEMBASSIES TOKYO, TAIPEI, AND WELLINGTON: REQUEST THAT YOU NOTIFY HOST GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES CONCERNING THE ABOVE DESCRIBED USAF PLAN. DEPARTMENT AND DOD CONSIDER THESE TESTS IN JAPAN, TAIWAN, AND NEW ZEALAND AUTHORIZED BY PRIOR AGREEMENT. THUS, ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC APPROVAL OF THESE GOVERNMENTS FOR SUCH TESTS NOT REQUIRED. AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZING SUCH ACTIVITIES ARE: ARTICLE III OF THE AGREEMENT UNDER ARTICLE VI OF THE TREATY OF MUTUAL COOPERATION AND SECURITY BETWEEN THE USA AND JAPAN, REGARDING FACILITIES AND AREAS AND THE STATUS OF U. S. ARMED FORCES IN JAPAN; ARTICLE II OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE USA AND THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON THE STATUS OF U. S. FORCES IN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA; AND PARA 1 ( A ) OF THE AGREEMENT, WITH MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, BETWEEN THE U. S. AND NEW ZEALAND CONCERNING OPERATIONS IN ANTARTICA.

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7. FOR AMERICAN EMBASSY CANBERRA: WITH RESPECT TO AUSTRALIA, SINCE THERE IS NO SUCH PRIOR AGREEMENT AUTHORIZING ABOVE MENTIONED ACTIVITIES, EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK GOA APPROVAL FOR PROJECT IN PROPOSED AERODROMES. APPROVAL SHOULD BE SOUGHT IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO PRECLUDE JEOPARDIZING EXISTING MAC RIGHTS. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO NOTIFY DEPARTMENT AND DOD OF GOA REACTION. RUSH UNQUOTE RUSH

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